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Drug testing of employees about to begin

Tribal Council already tested; other offices will follow in coming weeks

CRIT is continuing its fight against drug use on the reservation by implementing a mandatory drug testing policy for all Tribal employees.

The program began with the Tribal Council taking the tests in June and July, and is part of the Tribal Council's zero-tolerance policy. All Tribal Council members passed.

The goal is to expand the drug testing program to all Tribal employees in the course of the coming weeks.

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CRIT is also continuing its work to fight drug use — especially the use of methamphetamines — through its CRIT Meth Coalition.

The coalition is now moving into the educational phase of its work, including scheduling a series of public events to increase awareness about the dangers of drug use.

"We want to continue to focus on community education and make sure people know the dangers of drug use," said Lola Wood, CRIT

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CRIT Athletes Strike Gold



(Above) Team AZ enjoys yet another victory during the Volleyball tournament. (Right) Two age groups win gold medals in girls' volleyball, the 13-14 age group and the 17-19 age group.

Make a splash at Indigenous Games

Fifteen CRIT girls and girls from two other tribes played for Team AZ in this year's North American Indigenous Games 2006 in Denver, Colorado.

The highlight of the event for the CRIT girls was bringing home Gold Medals in the 13-14 and 17-19 age groups in girls' volleyball. The event took place in the first week of July.

It was an exciting adventure for the girls, who showed their true selves and cultural pride among thousands of Native youth from all over North America.

For more on the games, see the photos on Page 7 and visit www.critonline.com.



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Fire season surprisingly slow so far

But Fire Department urges caution because of heat and dry conditions

CRIT has been fortunate so far this fire season to not have had any major blazes, but Fire Department officials continue to urge caution because of dry, hot conditions.

Parts of the CRIT Reservation are still closed because of fire danger, and because the summer has been particularly dry and hot so far, conditions are not improving.

This summer has been one of the hottest on

record around the state, with local temperatures pushing the 120 degree mark. However, that heat has yet to translate into larger fires on the local level. And with a few exceptions, Arizona has been spared from some of the massive fires seen in recent years.

"It has been a surprise, but we're very glad," said Terrilynn Little, CRIT Fire Chief. "We certainly don't want to see things burn with as hot as it has been."

Little said that the largest fire threat so far

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News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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During election years,
your vote is your voice

This issue of the *Manataba Messenger* includes statements from candidates for local, state and federal office. The primary elections for those positions will be held on September 12.

It's the first of three critical elections that will be held this year, and the Tribal Government encourages all Tribal members to participate in these elections and making their voice heard through their vote.

On November 7, the general election for the local, state and federal positions will be held, determining who will hold those offices for the next term.

This election will include statewide initiatives and referendums that will shape public policy on issues such as tobacco use in public places, taxes and fiscal spending and many other significant issues facing the states of Arizona and California.

And, in early December, CRIT will hold Tribal Council elections on four of the seats on the Tribal Council. Additionally, the Tribal Council may choose to place propositions on the ballot.

Each office on these ballots, in some way, shape or form, influences what happens on the CRIT reservation and in the local community. Only by casting a vote do you really have a say in the future of our people.

We encourage Tribal members who are not currently registered to vote to contact the La Paz County Elections Office. The office's information is listed at the bottom of Page 11.

CRIT members have had some great successes over the past few years. By continuing to exercise our right to vote and expressing our voice, we can ensure those successes continue into the future.

CRIT athletes make us all
proud at Indigenous Games

We sent our best. They did the rest. CRIT would like to congratulate the 19 Tribal members who participated on Team AZ in the North American Indigenous Games in July.

Their effort was highlighted by a Gold Medal performance in Girls' Volleyball in one of the age groups, an effort that saw the CRIT girls and Team AZ defeat teams from across the continent.

And, the 19 CRIT girls did a lot more than just make an impression on the field. They showed their culture and class in representing CRIT to people of other Tribal nations.

It was a great athletic performance by the girls, and by all accounts, a great cultural experience for them as well.

CRIT is proud of its daughters who participated in the games.

AG discusses Tribal meth challenge

By Terry Goddard
Arizona Attorney General

Over the last two years, I have visited communities throughout Arizona to discuss the meth epidemic afflicting our state. The impact of meth on every part of the community — from schools to health care providers to businesses to our courts — cannot be overstated.

Members of Indian communities have every reason to be concerned about this epidemic. We know of many reports of meth cookers going onto tribal lands to cook the drug because the lands are remote. They leave behind toxins and poisons and can go undetected and put at risk not only livestock, but also water supplies and our children's health.

Meth devastates not only those using the drug, but also their family, friends and neighbors. The dangers include:

- A meth lab can operate unnoticed in any neighborhood for years, causing serious health hazards to everyone around. For each pound of meth produced, five to six pounds of highly toxic waste are generated, posing immediate and long-term health hazards.
- Cleaning up a meth lab site requires specialized training and costs thousands of dollars per site.
- Hundreds of children are neglected and endangered every year by living with parents who are meth cooks. Children who reside in or near meth labs are at great risk of being harmed from an explosion, as well as from the toxic fumes that can cause skin sores and seriously damage young lungs and brains.
- Meth is extremely volatile to cook, and labs

- sometimes catch on fire and explode.
- Children living in labs are known to be harmed by dangerous chemicals left out by parents, suffer from behavioral problems, malnourishment, physical or sexual abuse, and can be severely injured from a fire.
- Hospitals and burn units are seeing far more injuries due to chemical burns and toxic explosions where meth is produced. The care required for such injuries is specialized and puts a strain on hospitals and medical programs.
- Meth labs are mini-crime waves; the rate of burglary, robbery, ID theft and even murder in the immediate area of many labs is significantly above the norm. Meth users will do almost anything to pay for their habits.

This year the State Legislature once again had the opportunity to take action to protect our children, neighborhoods, local police and firefighters from the dangers of meth labs, and it failed to adopt needed legislation.

I will continue my efforts to fight this drug's pernicious impact and push for more education efforts to warn all Arizonans about its dangers. The meth epidemic challenges us all.

Working together, I believe we can bring it under control.

Congratulations to CRIT athletes

Congratulations to Team Arizona on their success at the games in Colorado. I certainly am a big supporter and fan of our girls from CRIT. Great Job!

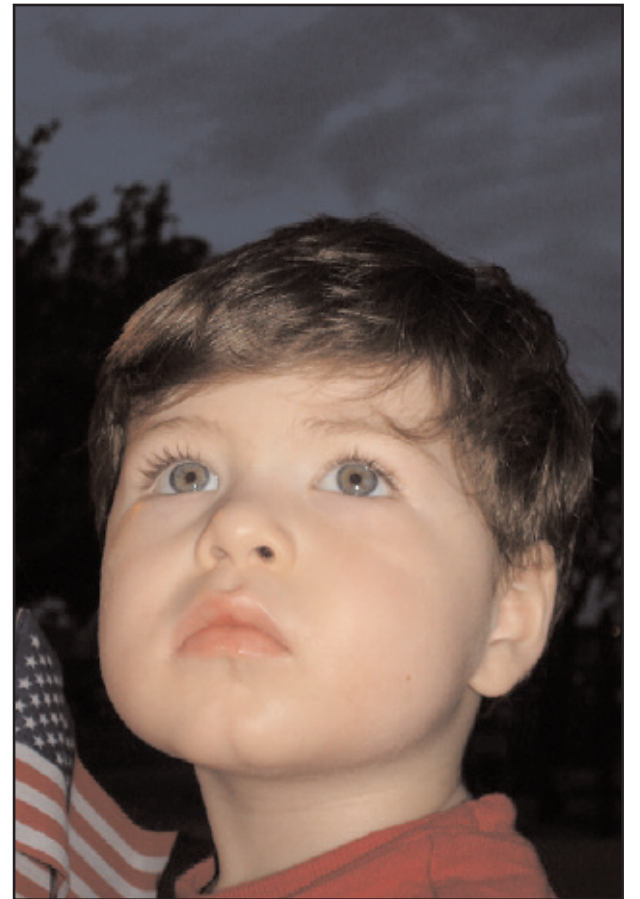
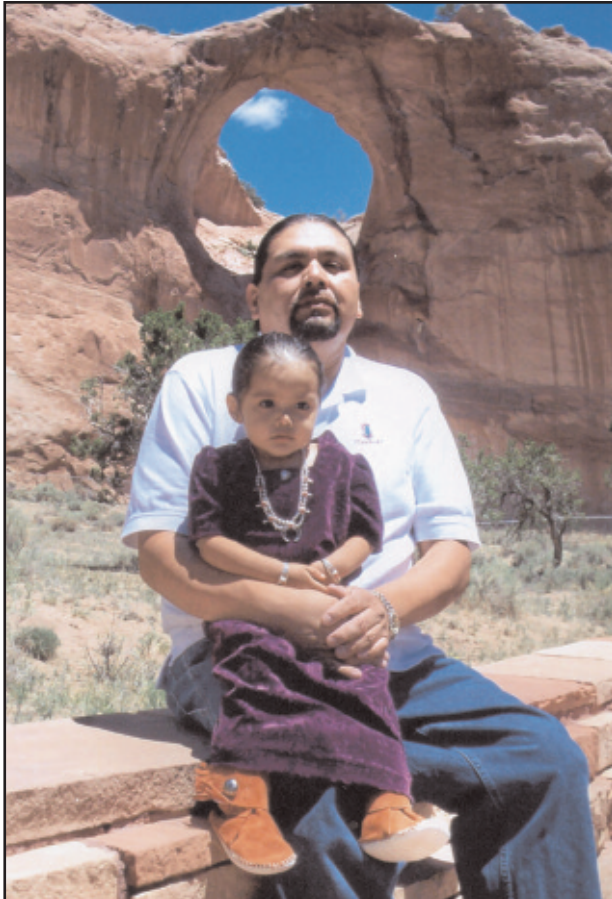
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We want to hear from you!
What's on your mind? Write us a letter!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. Share your thoughts on key issues and tell us about things the people of CRIT might find of interest. We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited for length.

You may send letters to:
Route 1, Box 23-B Parker, AZ 85344
You may also e-mail letters to feedback@critonline.com

Photo contest features diverse submissions



Submit now, win in October

First place in the *Manataba Messenger* photo contest for August goes to Layla Nez for her photo of daughter Cassandra gardening (bottom). She will receive \$100 for her entry.

Second place goes to Harry Moses III for his picture of he and his daughter Haley in Window Rock (directly above). He also submitted a picture of Haley in San Francisco after heart surgery.

He said he would like to thank all friends and relatives for their prayers for Haley. Harry will receive \$50 for his entry.

Third prize goes to Janice Conroy for her photo of grandson Eric on the 4th of July (top right). She will receive \$25.

Honorable Mentions include the following photos:

- Cecil Dick for his photo of a coyote in the wild (middle left).
- Michelle Maughan for her photos of Dailee's first birthday cake (bottom left).
- Ingrid Stanley for her photo of Tracie Stanley's first Diamondbacks' game (top left).

The deadline for submissions for the October 1 issue is September 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible.

Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Or, you may just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.



CRIT focuses on truancy issue

With school about to start, the CRIT Tribal Council wants to remind members about the Tribal truancy policy. In 2005, the Tribal Council passed the truancy policy, exercising its responsibility for the education of its members by prescribing and implementing educational policies applicable to all institutions, schools, and programs operating on or near the CRIT Reservation to ensure both equity and opportunity.

The Tribes believe that attending school regularly is in the best interest of the child. Also, the Tribes recognize that every day a child misses school it is a personal loss to his or her educational future.

Student Absent or Truant

Upon five (5) unexcused absences, Parker Unified School District (PUSD) will send written notification to the parent(s)/child and send Truancy Complaint Forms to the CRIT Office of the Attorney General for children who are ages ten (10) years and under, and to the CRIT Prosecutor if the child is older than ten (10) years. The Attorney General's Office will forward the documents to Child Protective Services for children who are ages 10 and under. If the children are above ten (10) years old, then the Prosecutor will report the unexcused absences to CRIT Probation Department.

CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation shall investigate the report and

send its findings to the Office of the Attorney General/Prosecutor within five (5) days. If sufficient evidence is found to file a petition, a petition will be attached to the findings. The Office of the Attorney General and Prosecutor will provide a case evaluation indicating the acceptance or declination of the petition to file in Tribal Court against the student or parent. If approved, the CRIT Child Protective Services shall cite the parent(s) under the Child-In-Need-of-Care (CINC) section in the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. The CRIT Probation Department shall cite the child, being subject to compulsory school attendance, yet is habitually truant, pursuant to and in accordance with the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. The approved petition shall be filed in CRIT Tribal Court. The CRIT Tribal Court shall designate a weekly court schedule to address the truancy petitions filed as such.

An Advisory Hearing will be held and rights will be given and read. The parent(s) and/or child may elect or waive counsel pursuant to and consistent with the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. Parent(s) will be provided a written release of information to allow case status notification to the PUSD.

Parents/Child Admit

If the parent(s)/child admit to the charge then the Tribal Court allows the parent(s)/child thirty (30) days to comply by keeping the child in school with no unexcused absences. If the parent(s)/child do not follow the 30-day compliance, then the Office of the Attorney General/

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Council OKs Wal-Mart plans



The signage, height and design for the new Wal-Mart shopping center on Highway 95 will be similar to other Wal-Mart stores in the region.

Elevations for project pass and final agreement close

Planning and approvals for the new Wal-Mart shopping center continue, with two recent approvals by the Tribal Council. The Council approved the elevations, or building heights, for the project, along with Wal-Mart's plans for signage.

The Council already had approved architectural drawings for the center. The design of the store itself will be consistent with other Wal-Mart stores.

Work continues to finalize the lease agreement on the Wal-Mart property, which is located across from the Safeway Center on

Highway 95. As proposed, the new store will be about 100,000 square feet and include groceries and general merchandise.

In addition to creating more shopping choices for area residents and tribal members, the economic impact and job creation from the shopping center for CRIT will be substantial. The new Wal-Mart store will create an estimated 200 new jobs and up to \$400,000 per year in sales tax revenue for CRIT. The center's other stores are also expected to have a positive economic impact on the Parker and CRIT communities and generate critical new resources for Tribal members.

Wellness programs to take place

The CRIT Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) will be conducting a series called the Community Wellness Program, dealing with a variety of issues concerning substance abuse and related issues.

The programs will be held at 6 p.m. on the following dates at the ASAP Building, located at 13376 1st Avenue, next to the new Diabetes Gym. Dinner will be served at each program.

The program schedule is as follows:

- August 17 — Alcohol Recovery.
- September 21 — Methamphetamine Presentation.
- October 19 — Domestic Violence.
- November 16 — Diabetes Prevention.
- December 21 — Drinking and Driving.
- January 18, 2007 — Depression.
- February 15, 2007 — Healthy Relationships.
- March 15, 2007 — Nutrition.
- April 19, 2007 — Tobacco Prevention.
- May 17, 2007 — Teen Pregnancy.
- June 21, 2007 — Water Safety.

For more information, please contact the program at (928) 669-0833.

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CRIT students in teaching program

Goal is to increase number of Tribal teachers on CRIT, other reservations

Three CRIT members studying education at Arizona State University have been accepted into a new program designed to increase the number of Native American teachers in reservation communities.

Hanaga Fisher, Gertrude Fisher and Monte Stevens have all been accepted into ASU’s Indigenous Teacher Preparation Program, which is a federally funded program designed to encourage teachers to return to Native American communities.

Studies have shown that Native American students learn better when given a culturally sensitive education or when instructed by Native American teachers. However, tribes across the country have had difficulty encouraging teachers to return to Tribal lands after they receive their degrees.

The 14-month program at ASU will allow the three CRIT students to do student teaching at Phoenix-area tribal schools. It then requires the students to teach for two years in a district that has a high concentration of Native American students, a policy designed to encourage such students to return to their native tribes.

Right now, there are no Native American teachers in the Parker Unified School District.

EDUCATION NEWS

From the CRIT Education Department

“It means that there’s a good chance students who are a part of this program will come back to the community,” said Jay Cravath of the CRIT Education Department.

Poston barrack needs relocation

The Education Department, which coordinates much of the work on the Tribal level on the Poston restoration effort, recently heard from the City of Parker that the “double roof barrack” behind Lemon Tree Nursery needs to be moved.

The Poston Restoration Committee is in the process of requesting an extension of time in order to find the funds and volunteers to move the barrack closer to the Poston Camp I site. The barrack is the only remaining structure from the Internment Camp era in its original form, so it’s an important structure for the restoration efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering time, manpower or money to the effort to move the barrack, please contact Jay Cravath at the CRIT Education Department at (928) 669-8831.

Upcoming Events

Events coming to BlueWater Resort

• Unauthorized Ozzy — A Tribute to Ozzy Osbourne will perform on Saturday, Sept. 2 at the BlueWater Amphitheatre, with special guest 333TheBand featuring Sweet Al.

333TheBand is one of Las Vegas’ premiere cover bands. Peter Marrino, the lead singer for Unauthorized Ozzy pays tribute to rock legend Ozzy Osbourne in this concert.

Gates open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. This concert is FREE to the public.

• Rain — A Tribute to The Beatles will perform on Saturday, Sept. 23 in the Bingo Concert Hall. Rain is without a doubt the most renowned Beatles tribute groups in the world.

Rain will be performing two shows that night, with the doors opening at 5 p.m. for the first show at 6 p.m., and reopening the at 8 p.m. for the second show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets on sale in the Gift Shop and prices are \$20 in advance and \$25 day-of-show.

• John Anderson will perform at the Amphitheatre on Saturday ,Oct. 14. Anderson is an influence to many of today’s country artists, a colorful character and truly a country music treasure. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale on Monday, August 7, in the Gift Shop and prices are \$10 in advance and \$15 day-of-show.

• “A Tribute to the Righteous Brothers Starring Gene Sironen and Doug Masters” will perform on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the Bingo Concert Hall. The Righteous Brothers themselves have seen the show and were impressed.

There will two shows that night with the doors opening at 4 p.m. for the first show at 5 p.m., and reopening at 7 p.m. for the second show at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale on Monday, Sept. 25, in the Gift Shop and prices are \$10 in advance and \$15-day-of-show.

Dig Lounge Schedule

• August 1-6 — Big Happy, with a female fronting a five-piece band playing classic rock and variety dance music.

• August 8-13 — Fast Lane, a five-piece band playing Top 40, classic rock, rhythm & blues, Motown and Old School.

• August 15-20 — Swift Kick, with a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s through 90s.

• August 22-27 — Pilot, with a female fronting a three-band band playing rhythm & blues from the 50s and 60s, Top 40 dance, classic rock, Old School and disco.

• August 29-Sept. 3 — Radio Rage, a high-energy band playing classic rock and disco.

• Sept. 5-10 — DNA, a variety dance band playing rhythm & blues, Motown, Top 40 dance and classic rock.

• Sept. 12-17 — American Made, with a female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music for the 50s and 60s, Top 40, disco, country and oldies.

• Sept. 19-24 — Swift Kick.

• Sept. 26-Oct. 1 — Suite 33, a high-energy variety dance band featuring Top 40, classic rock, 50s and 60s and dance music.

Announcements



Sgt. Michael Peveler, pictured here with wife Bettina and in-laws Tony and Charlotte Cruz, has been sent to Baghdad, Iraq for military service.

His family wants him to know that he is in their thoughts every day and they are very proud of him.

Braxton Alexander Booth, 14, was presented with the Distinguished Salutatorian Award from Le Pera Junior High School on May 31. His scholastic honors include the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, the Principal’s Honor



Roll (all four quarters), Social Studies, Science, National Fitness Award, Certificate of Promotion, National Junior Honor Society and Outstanding Wrestler. Braxton would like to thank his teachers for giving him the tools needed to succeed through their hard work and never-ending guidance.

Birthday Announcements

• August 12 — Happy birthday to Michelle Harper-Ameelyenah. We love you cousin even though you’re naughty.

From: Jolene, Julian & Frankie

• Sept. 6 — Happy birthday to Teddy Ameelyenah. We love and miss you each and every day brother.

Love, Jolene and Ameelyenah family

• Sept. 15, — Happy 2nd Birthday Camden. Love, JoJo & Julian

• Sept. 16 — Happy 4th Birthday to Girlie. Love, Lorsie



The Manataba Messenger accepts announcements on graduations, awards, engagements, obituaries and many other special occasions and events. To submit an announcement, see the contact information on Page 12 of this issue.

Qualities of Tribal leadership stressed many years ago

Submitted by the CRIT Museum

The CRIT Museum recently came across this article written by former Tribal Secretary Edward Swick, reminding the Tribal Council of their responsibility to Tribal members. We thought we would share with you his wisdom and counsel from 35 years ago.

What I want to say has been said many times, many ways, before; however, as you are all aware, we have to repeat some things over and over again to remind ourselves of the essential purpose and full substances of our obligations.

The responsibilities resting upon your shoulders have not become less important with the passing of time.

In fact, there are more of them now and these become more complex as we grow. The faith of our people in you, too, grows with each new election.

It is therefore most urgent that you do not take your duties lightly...

You must see now how important is the Oath of Office you took, accepting the sacred trust and confidence of the individuals in our community...

In addition, you will have many problems to solve in helping our people, but if you need assistance, the people themselves can give you this; so, do not hesitate to present your questions to them and discuss their possible solutions with them. Hear what they have to say.

Then, and only then, select what you truly believe is the right procedure to follow. If you fail, the people will fail with you, but at least you will have worked together for a common cause. This will help to bring you and the government closer to the people.

At the same time, you will have given dignity and pride to both sides that will assure future cooperation and stronger support in mutual undertakings.

As it has been said, government is an affair of human loyalties. You cannot command these

CRIT MUSEUM NOTES Celebrating the CRIT Museum's 40th Anniversary

loyalties by working against the people.

You must develop patience. You must learn to see both sides of a question.

You must conduct yourself and your affairs to bring about further trust and confidence of all members of the community, rather than a select few.

You must develop and show interest in the individual and the community at large, by

promoting creativity and motivation, and then doing all you can to make opportunities available, first, to deserving members of the Tribe. You must work diligently to effect better living for our people.

You must shield yourself and your people at all times from every corruption and misuse. You must work to right wrongs; evil will thrive only if the good do nothing about it!

You must work for a system of good government now and for our posterity.

Above all, you must keep a pure heart, a clear mind, and a humble spirit, but speak with a firm yet gentle voice in the conduct of your business. Thank you.

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From Page 4

Prosecutor may file an Order to Show Cause against the parent(s)/child or both. PUSD must notify the Office of the Attorney General/ Prosecutor if the child continues to have additional unexcused absences during that thirty day period.

In the event of non-compliance, Child Protective Services/Probation will provide written notification of the non-compliance and shall make recommendations for the following sanctions as to be determined by the Judge of the Tribal Court.

- Have the parent(s) attend school with the child
- Order parent(s)/child to do Community Service
- Assess a monetary fine, not to exceed \$150.00
- Order the parent(s) to attend Parenting Classes
- Order any additional services, reasonably believed to be necessary, including adherence to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Education Committee, appointed by Tribal Council.

- Impose the Court's contempt power and Order the parent(s) to be incarcerated

*CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will confirm parental compliance. Upon compliance with the Court's Orders the case will be closed.

If there is noncompliance of an Order then the Court will reassess the sanctions and order new consequences and terms. CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will confirm compliance. Upon compliance the case will be closed.

Parents/Child Deny

If the parent(s)/child deny the charge then Mediation may be scheduled at the discretion of the Tribal Court Judge. If no mediation occurs then an Adjudication Hearing will be set within thirty (30) days. At the Adjudication Hearing, if the facts are determined to not be true, the petition will be dismissed.

At the Adjudication Hearing, if the facts alleged in the petition are determined to be true, the child shall become a ward of the court and released to the parent(s).

At the conclusion of the Adjudication Hearing or within ten (10) days, CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will present a Dispositional Report. Sanctions will be imposed by the Court. Child Protective Services and Probation will monitor parent and/or child.

A Review Hearing shall be set within thirty (30) days to confirm compliance with the terms of the Order. If compliance is satisfactory then the case will be closed. However, if compliance is unsatisfactory, then sanctions will be imposed and another Review Hearing will be set to determine compliance.



Introducing the First-Annual MANATABA MESSENGER Recipe Contest



It's time for the First-Annual *Manataba Messenger* Recipe Contest! Send any original recipe to the address below and you have a chance to win a \$100 first prize!

The entrees will be judged by *Manataba Messenger* staff members and by acclaimed Chef Eddie Matney of Stoudemire's in Downtown Phoenix. Simply send your best recipe to:

Manataba Messenger Recipe Contest
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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Or e-mail them to feedback@critonline.com

Entries must be received by September 15. You must be a Tribal member to be eligible to win. So remember to send in your entry today!

CRIT athletes strike gold at Indigenous Games



(Top left) Coach Darlene Bedoni of Team AZ regrouping her girls and assuring all teammates have equal playing time. (Middle left) More than 30,000 people attended the opening ceremonies of the games at Investco Field in Denver. (Bottom left) Lynnies Gonzales and Stacy Mitchell do an interview with TV personality/journalist Mary Kim Tilla. (Top Right) Jesse Swick anticipates another point scored from servicer Jordan Robledo. (Middle Right) The 13-14 year old team beat Alberta for the gold. (Below) Team AZ before leaving the Tribal Offices on June 30th for their trip to Denver.

For more photos, visit www.critonline.com



Election 2006 — Meet The Candidates

On September 12, La Paz County voters will go to the polls to decide on local, state and federal elected offices. The *Manataba Messenger* invited candidates for those offices to submit 250-word statements about themselves so that CRIT members can learn a little bit more about their background, goals and ideas. Candidates were also invited to submit a photograph. Those who responded are included below. Each race on the ballot is represented. (R = Republican, D = Democrat, I = Independent)

La Paz County Offices

Clerk of Superior Court

Sheri Newman (R)

Judge of the Superior Court

Michael Burke (D)

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace

E.M. "Beth" Williams (R)

Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace

Joe Deschaine (D)

Larry Tallerday (R)

Precinct 6 Justice of the Peace

Don Davis (R)

Don Davis is seeking the Office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #6 Parker. He has the experience, the education, and most important, he has the commitment to the people of Precinct #6.



Davis brings over 22 years of law enforcement experience. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. Southwest Command College, completed numerous courses from the F.B.I., D.E.A., U.S. Marshall's Service, Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Courts. Currently he is a

member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Court Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Don Davis is known for his community involvement. He is past president and current member of the Parker Poston Sunrise Rotary Club, past chairman and current member of the Board of Directors for the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter, member of the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, member of the La Paz Community Advisory Council, and past member of the La Paz County Superior Court Foster Care Review Board (1991-1996).

Davis stated that it was his mission as Justice of the Peace "To provide the public with a professional and courteous assistance and service with fairness and respect as it relates to all facets of the Arizona Justice Court System."

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Davis at (928) 669-8974 or e-mail him at cdon_2000@yahoo.com.

John C. Dyess (R)

To member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you in your newspaper, *Manataba Messenger*. I would sincerely appreciate your support for my election to the position of Judge, JP, #6. I believe the 3,500 members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes hold the key to the future of the Parker community.

I am an Arizona native and was born and raised in Casa Grande, Arizona. I worked at a gas station through high school and I paid for my college education by

working in the construction trade. I attended Central Arizona College (A.A.), the University of Arizona (B.A.), and Northern Arizona University (M.P.A.) I have dedicated my professional life as a public servant; and I have over 20 years experience working for the Courts and Probation. My position for the past nine years has been Deputy Chief and Deputy Director of Probation for La Paz County.

I am proud of my ancestry, which includes Cherokee/Comanche heritage, and have a down-to-earth, approachable connection to people from all walks of life. I promise to be fair and honest and to use my authority for the improvement of life for others.

Richard "Rick" Paterson (R)

I am Richard "Rick" Paterson and I am a Republican Candidate for the Office of Justice of the Peace for the Parker Justice Court, Precinct 6.

As many of you may already know, the Parker Justice Court hears civil and criminal matters for the communities of Parker, the Parker River Strip, the north Poston Valley and Bouse. I have lived in the Parker area since January 1, 1983. I bring 24 years experience and service to the Office of Justice of the Peace, from having been one of your law enforcement officers with the La Paz County Sheriff's Department; mostly as a field supervisor and major crimes investigator, as well as the supervisor for the Drug Task Force. In the private sector, I have trained hundreds of you and your fellow citizens, in the realm of personal defense and have been a champion of your rights to self-defense.

I know what types of civil and criminal problems occur in your communities and I have also developed a keen sense of how you, the citizens, want these matters properly handled. In addition to this, I know how law enforcement officers, prosecutors and defense attorneys must present their cases in court, in order to properly serve justice. As your judge of the Parker Justice Court, I will render decisions based upon the rule of law, without influence from special interest or bias, with a fair, firm, ethical and energetic outlook. Contact me at (928) 669-2627 or at P.O. Box 3293, Parker, 85344.

Charlene Shontz Weis (R)

My name is Charlene Shontz-Weis and I would appreciate your vote for the Parker Justice Court Judge — Precinct #1506.

I was born in Wickenburg and moved to Parker in 1949. I attended Parker Elementary and Parker High School. I married my husband in 1963 and moved around the country in support of his military career. During this time, in addition to caring for my two children, I taught silversmithing and stained glass classes, managed a plant nursery, managed a craft shop, and was active in the Officers' Wives' Club.

Returning to Parker in 1985, I became a member of the Parker Soroptomists and with my husband, Joe Weis, supported several other Parker civic organizations, including the Poston Rotary, the 4-H program, the Junior Livestock Association, and the County Fair. I also began teaching stained glass and sewing at Arizona Western College.

I began working at the Parker Justice Court in 1988. In 1992, I was promoted to the position of Chief Court Clerk. In 2005, I was appointed as the Parker Justice Court Pro-Tem Judge (Temporary/Part-time) by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors. As a Pro-Tem Judge



I have presided over more than a hundred initial appearances, graduated from the multi-week Arizona Judge Orientation Course, attended the National Judicial College, and completed the Civil Traffic Hearing Officer Training Course. I have over 550 hours of continuing education on Court issues and over 18 years of direct Parker Justice Court experience. E-mail or phone me at: weisforjudge@npgcable.com/(928) 669-5522.

Kathy Field (D)

This is YOUR Court — the People's Court; that is why the person who becomes Justice of the Peace really matters to you and your family.

I am the ONLY attorney running for this elected position. I have practiced law for almost 25 years in general private practice and government law in both civil and criminal matters. I am the only candidate professionally trained to see both sides of each case. Justice Court should protect your person, the rights of victims, your money, your possessions, and your liberty. I am trained as a lawyer to do just that.

I established the Child Support Division of the La Paz County Attorney's Office in 1994. I saw a need for all children to be provided for by their parents. The CRIT nation through its Tribal Council and Chief Judge Flores, and the State of Arizona with myself as the facilitator entered into an historic agreement to enforce each other's Orders of the Court. Other Tribal nations in Arizona later followed what we had done here.



I promise you accessible justice and convenient customer service when I am elected. I can be contacted by phone at 669-8171, by mail at P.O. Box 635, Parker, AZ 85344, or by e-mail at kcf444@yahoo.com.

I am the Right Choice for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6. Please remember to vote for me.

Jim Patz-Artrup (D)

My name is Jim Putz-Artrup. Many of you know me as Jim P-A.

I have been in law enforcement since 1977. I started as a reserve for the Parker Police Department, and began full time employment in 1979. In 1983, I went to work for the La Paz County Sheriff's Department, assigned to the Boating Safety patrol for five years, and then to the Patrol Division on and off for the next 15 years.

During my career at the Sheriff's Department I was, for a period of time, attached to the Narcotics Task Force, a countywide joint effort. While assigned to the task force, I was required to write affidavits (requests) for search warrants for the search and seizure of property.

Also while at the Sheriff's Department, I was assigned, on two occasions, to the civil division. My duties included serving orders issued by the Justice Court. These included Writs, Forcible Detainers and eviction notices.

For the past four years I have been the court security officer in Superior Court, and have attended many preliminary hearings in Justice Court. Because of all these assignments, I know what is required of a Judge. I am unbiased and hold no prejudices. I don't make decisions without all the facts.

I am the most qualified person for this position because I have the necessary skills and experience. That is why I am seeking the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6. Your trust in me will not be misplaced.



Also running — Donald Schlecht (I)

Election 2006 — Meet The Candidates

Precinct 53 Republican Committeeman

Linda Cox
Mark Schifo

Precinct 55 Democratic Committeeman

Darrel Bump
Judy Bump

Statewide County Offices

Governor

Len Munsil (R)

Len Munsil — Principled Conservative Reformer
As a third-generation, native Arizonan I have been all over the state. I believe in Arizona, and that it is one of the best places in the world to go to school, to work, and to raise a family. I am running for governor because I believe that my core values of limited government, lower taxes, economic freedom, a strong national defense, and the centrality of the family unit are a better representation of the people of Arizona than those of the current governor.



In four years in office, Janet Napolitano has repeatedly put herself squarely in front of the will of the people. In only four years, she has vetoed a record number of bills, bills that would have secured the border, protected private citizens' gun rights in times of emergency, lowered the rising cost of health insurance by addressing the issue of tort reform, and protected private property rights from eminent domain abuse. On issue after issue, we are not doing as well as we were four years ago.

I have a 22-year record of principled conservative leadership on behalf of children and families in Arizona. That is why I have the support of four U.S. Congressmen, including Rick Renzi, and more than 30 state legislators who have watched me advance conservative principles in the policy arena. I have a track record of success, and I would welcome your support as we return Arizona government to its people. www.lenmunsil.com

Gary Tupper (R)

I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, graduated with degrees in psychology and biology from the University of Washington in Seattle and then moved to Southern California. I was a financial planner for 14 years. I found my home in Arizona about 12 years ago, and when I was in my mid-30s I realized that what I really wanted to be when I grew up was a carpenter and eventually I started my own little company.

I decided to run for governor over two years ago because I saw firsthand how poorly our state government was being run. I knew what I wanted to do and that was to become the governor of Arizona; not a politician, but a working governor and from that day forward I started learning the job.



I am a carpenter, contractor, businessman, financial planner, author, and I am working on my master's in marriage, family, and child counseling to educate myself as to what people who work in our government do; listening to teachers, CPS workers, corrections officers, police officers, other state employees, and citizens. I have completed reports on such topics as mental healthcare, child abuse, poverty, diversion programs for prostitution, substance abuse, education, and terrorism. Working to earn the right to be your governor.

My name is Gary Tupper and I ask that if you are a

Republican, Independent, or are not designated with any other party that you join me and vote for me on September 12.

Also running — Janet Napolitano (D)

Barry J. Hess, II (L)
Don Goldwater (R)
Mike Harris (R)
Steve Moore (R)

State Senator — District 3

Ron Gould (R)

State Senator — District 24

Amanda Aguirre (D)
Russ Jones (R)

State Representative — District 3

Ray Cullison II (R)

Hi, I'm Ray Cullison II, and I am a republican candidate for Arizona State Representative, District 3, which includes LaPaz County, Mohave County, and Coconino County. There are a lot of issues concerning our district, including tribal rights. Being a decedent of the Native American Wabanaki tribe, I am well aware of the needs of the native american. As your next State Representative, I will work to help get these needs met. I've lived in Mohave County for 33 years and have spent a lot of time visiting the Parker area.



Illegal immigration is a problem that our elected officials must have the courage to address. The invasion of illegal aliens into our state has had an incredibly detrimental effect on the citizens of Arizona. I will work to find real solutions that will secure our borders, and help put an end to the onslaught of illegal aliens into our state.

I am a strong believer in lower taxes. I believe the best way to stimulate and grow our economy is to let people keep more of what they earn. I will work to lower the tax burden on Arizona taxpayers and limit the growth of property taxes. I believe in limited government that spends your tax dollars wisely. I will work to root out and eliminate government programs that waste your tax dollars and to limit the growth of government and reduce its cost to the taxpayers. I would appreciate your vote for the September 12 primary election.

Also running — Luis Lopez (D)

Doris Goodale (R)
Trish Groe (R)
Nancy McLain (R)

State Representative — District 24

Lynne Pancrazi (D)

Hello Colorado River Indian Tribe Members,
Let me introduce myself. I am Lynne Pancrazi. I was born and raised in Yuma and have taught for more than 28 years for Yuma School District #1. My husband Mike and I have a daughter, son in law and two beautiful grandkids. I am running for the state legislature because I am concerned about the quality of education being provided to the future leaders of our state. We must address a fair and reasonable solution to ensure our borders are safe and secure; that growth is managed and that critical infrastructure needs are addressed throughout the state. I have learned in my 52 years



there are no easy answers, but I believe working together, we can move Arizona forward. Governor Janet Napolitano is doing an outstanding job and I would like the opportunity to assist her in her efforts to improve our great state of Arizona. I know I don't have all the answers. My promise to you is to fight for more funds for rural Arizona and to make sure the needs of Yuma and La Paz Counties are not forgotten. I hope I can count on your vote. Please feel free to contact me at (928) 782-1455 or (928) 246-0846 or e-mail me at mpancrazi@earthlink.net. I look forward to meeting you.

Also running — Theresa Ulmer (D)

Joseph "Mel" Melchionne (R)
Ken Rosevear (R)

Secretary of State

Israel Torres (D)
Ernest Hancock (L)
Jan Brewer (R)

Attorney General

Terry Goddard (D)
Bill Montgomery (R)

State Treasurer

Rano Singh (D)
Dean Martin (R)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Slade Mead (D)

The Superintendent of Public Instruction oversees \$6.5 billion of the state's general fund as well as the curriculum and well being of our state public schools. The job also requires the superintendent to be a cheerleader for public education.



As a parent of two children in our schools, a former teacher, a school board member and state senator, I have been a strong advocate for our public schools. While in the senate I championed full day kindergarten and fought side-by-side with the governor to preserve funding for our schools.

The AIMS test is a punitive tool rather than a positive learning experience. This must be changed. I suggest Arizona adopt the Body of Evidence method currently being used in Wyoming. It makes the test into a formative assessment tool for teachers who can identify student weaknesses and teach to those deficiencies. It also brings back meaning to the rest of the curriculum rather than forcing teachers to teach just to the test.

Teachers support my candidacy because they understand and agree with the Body of Evidence model (see my website www.slademead.com). I also advocate that Arizona have a teacher certification board made up of teachers. The entire certification method must be streamlined. Under the current administration, it is a mess. The confusion over certification is exasperating the 3500 to 4500 teacher shortage that plagues our schools.

I welcome your support and vote. You can contact my campaign by e-mail at smead@slademead.com or call (602) 445-6455.

Ask a teacher—it's that important

Jason Williams (D)


Given the challenges that exist in Arizona's public schools today — challenges such as 50% of our children

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by nine-years-old not able to read on grade level and over 15,000 high school dropouts this year alone, we have to ask ourselves the question: Who should lead Arizona's schools moving forward: another politician or an experienced educator?

 I am the only candidate who has taught in a public school classroom. This gives me a uniquely qualified perspective to lead Arizona's schools.

There is no substitute for first-hand experience working with students, teachers, and parents every day in our public schools.

While teaching 6th grade math and science in Oakland, I was nominated for California's Middle School Teacher of the Year Award.

I was also elected to the California Teachers' Association State Council of Education, where I assisted in drafting legislation to address issues of educational disparity.

For the last five years I've served as Teach For America's Executive Director in Phoenix: Increasing teacher placements by 150% and moving Arizona from the lowest to the highest performing region in the country.

Arizona deserves top-notch public schools, and I believe that every one of our children has the right to a free and excellent public education. I am a lifelong Democrat and experienced educator who is asking for your vote to become Arizona's next Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Attorney General was a lawyer. The Surgeon General was a doctor. Isn't it time that the State Schools Superintendent was a public school teacher?

Also running — Tom Horne (R)

State Mine Inspector

Joe Hart (R)

My name is Joe Hart and I am a candidate for State Mine Inspector. As a fourth-generation Arizonan, businessman, legislator, rancher and miner I am the only candidate with the experience necessary to effectively deal with the issues affecting Arizona's mining industry.



hualpak to overseeing safety operations and procedures.

I served for 10 years in the Arizona House of Representatives. During my tenure I held key leadership positions such as Speaker Pro Tempore and was Chairman of the Public Institutions & Universities, Environment and Government Operations committees.

As a legislator, I championed the Abandoned Mine Safety Fund to protect the public. In addition, I supported legislation to require mining operations to be reclaimed for post-mining uses. I am a staunch advocate for mine safety, reclamation, strong leadership and integrity.

In short, I have the mining experience, private sector managerial skill and legislative experience to successfully lead the State Mine Inspector's Office. I have over 20 years experience working at mines. I promise to work hard to represent your interests and ask for your support on September 12.

I have been married to Rhonda for 39 years and we have four daughters and six grandchildren. If you would like more information about my campaign visit

www.hartformineinspector.com or call (602) 385-7442.

Larry Nelson (R)

Hello, I am Larry Nelson and I am a candidate for Arizona State Mine Inspector. I am the only candidate with over 40 years of Mining and Mine Safety experience and have the educational and technical background for this job. After 16 years in Superior, Arizona as an underground miner, first as a laborer, then miner, lead man and finally supervisor, during which I was also a Union Steward, I transferred my talents to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). Safety has always been my primary focus and I felt this is where I go do the most good for the mining community.



I graduated from the Mine Safety and Health Academy, in Beckley, West Virginia, the Industrial Hygiene School at the Academy and the FBI Special Investigations School.

I was a Federal Mine Inspector for 22 years, 17 years as a supervisor/manager and for all but 4 of those years, I managed the safety and health of all Arizona miners on the Federal level and now I wish to do the same on the State level.

My goals for the Arizona State Mine Inspector Office are one, restore credibility to the office through financial oversight of the Department of Administration, two, establish a permanent method of funding for the closure of hazardous abandoned mines in Arizona, three, install performance standards for all positions to assure each individual is performing up to standards.

For more information go to www.nelsonformineinspector.com or contact me directly at 480-497-4124. Thank you.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Extension of Public Comment Period for
Proposed Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties
for US Filter Westates
Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

US Filter Westates is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a permit decision at Westates.

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA is proposing an Area of Potential Effects on historic properties for our permit decision at Westates. We are asking the public for comments on this proposal.

This proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties replaces a larger Area that EPA proposed in December 2003. The current proposed Area of Potential Effects is a circle with a 1-mile radius around Westates, and was recommended to EPA by the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

EPA originally proposed this Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties on May 31, 2006 with a comment period ending on July 17, 2006. We now are extending the comment period to September 1, 2006.

We are extending the comment period due to a request by a commenter. The commenter expressed concern that the public was not given sufficient time to evaluate the proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties in light of a recent enforcement order that EPA issued to Westates. This enforcement order, along with other documents and information relevant to Westates, is available at the public repositories noted to the right.

The proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties is one of the first steps in EPA's evaluation under Section 106 of the NHPA. Comments from the public will help EPA make our final determination on this Area of Potential Effects.

EPA must identify any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects that may be affected by operations at Westates. The term “historic properties”

includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe. Effects on historic properties from Westates may include noise, visual effects, and air emissions containing hazardous constituents. Under the NHPA, EPA must then take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration.

The map to the right shows the proposed Area of Potential Effects on historic properties. EPA is making this proposal after consultation with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Town of Parker, and US Filter Westates.

Please note that this Area of Potential Effects is for potential effects from Westates on historic properties only. Under a separate authority, EPA is also requiring Westates to conduct a human health and ecological risk assessment which will evaluate potential human health and ecological effects up to 30 miles from the facility due to Westates' operations. There will be a separate public notice requesting comments on the risk assessment once it is available for review.

We are interested in hearing your comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects on Historic Properties.

If you have comments on the boundaries of this proposed Area of Potential Effects, please let EPA know by September 1, 2006. Also, you may comment at any time during the process to advise us of any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

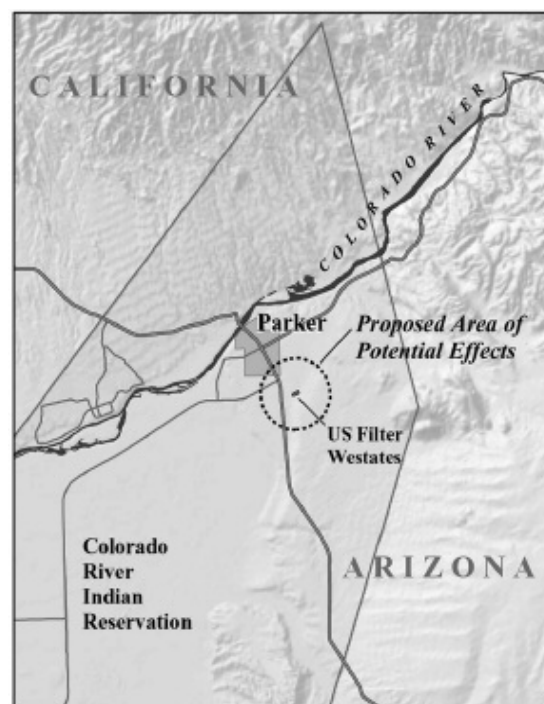
To comment, you may write, email,
or call Karen Scheuermann at:

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phone: (415) 972-3356

Or you may leave a message on EPA's toll-free number
(800) 231-3075 and we will return your call.



A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this proposal are available at public repositories at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library. You may also find information about Westates and the National Historic Preservation Act at these libraries. You may also obtain documents and information related to Westates and the NHPA process by request to EPA at the address or phone number to the left and at EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/westates/>.

US Filter Westates has recently changed its name to Siemens Water Technologies. Future public notices by EPA will use the new name.

In the future, EPA will publish separate public notices regarding other EPA actions at Westates, such as the human health and ecological risk assessment and the draft permit decision.

Elder's seal stands test of time



John Scott Sr. created the CRIT Tribal seal 40 years ago. (Photo courtesy of Gil Harper, CRIT Library)

CRIT symbol has been in use for 40 years, representing reservation life

It started with a contest in what was then the Tribal newsletter. Forty years later, it's the symbol of the very essence of CRIT itself.

John Scott Sr. created the CRIT Tribal seal in 1966 in response to a contest held by *Smoke Signals*, the equivalent to today's *Manataba Messenger*. His design was selected by the Tribal Council and still is in heavy use today. Scott was a World War II veteran who was working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the time.

"I always thought I would like to do something for my people, for my reservation and even for my country," Scott said. "I liked doing those sort of things."

By "those sort of things," Scott meant creating works of art. He got his start as a young boy in school, when he won a drawing contest with a picture that was later displayed

"I always thought I would like to do something for my people, for my reservation, and even for my country."

— John Scott, Sr.

in a Flagstaff museum.

When the contest to create a Tribal seal came about, Scott and his wife decided to give it a shot. He said that she gave him many of the ideas, and he drew up the artwork.

The Tribal seal is actually representative of a number of different facets of Tribal life.

- The Colorado River is depicted in the seal, and Scott said it was the most important feature to him. "The river came first. It's lifetime gift to humans is water."
- Alfalfa and cotton are represented in the seal, as is the patchwork of farms that spreads

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Where are they now?

Tribal member a baseball success

Now playing Double-A ball with Boston Red Sox organization in Portland, ME

ONE YEAR AGO: Tribal member Jacoby Ellsbury was profiled in the *Manataba Messenger* for his success on the baseball field.

Ellsbury had just earned First-Team All-American honors at Oregon State, batting over .400 for the season and helping his team reach the College World Series.

He then became a first-round draft pick of the defending World Series Champion Boston Red Sox. Ellsbury signed a contract with the Red Sox in early July, and finished the season playing with a "short season" team in New England.

TODAY: As of July 24, Ellsbury's ascension in the Red Sox organization continues, and his former college team, Oregon State, just won the College World Series.

He has worked his way through Single-A ball and is now playing in Portland, Maine for the Double-A Portland Sea Dogs. He started the season in Wilmington, Delaware, playing with the Wilmington Blue Rocks in Single-A ball. At Wilmington, he batted .299 in 61 games, with 25 stolen bases. He was named to the Carolina League All-Star team.

On July 12th, he was called up to Portland, where from July 12th to the 24th he played in 13 games, batting .346 with six stolen bases and a slugging percentage of .423.

The web site soxprospects.com calls Ellsbury "Very fast, plays excellent defense, and has shown a great ability to get on base. Decent gap power for a centerfielder who projects as a lead-off hitter. Has often been compared to Johnny Damon. Also said to be a team leader."

In February 2006, Ellsbury was profiled in *The Portland Oregonian*. The article detailed Ellsbury's work ethic and the excitement within the Red Sox organization about his future with the team.



Jacoby Ellsbury

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Corporation Commission

Richard Boyer (D)
Mark Manoil (D)
Rick Fowlkes (L)
Kris Mayes (R)
Gary Pierce (R)

Federal Offices

U.S. Senate

Jim Pederson (D)
Richard Mack (L)
Michael Aloisi (R)
Jon Kyl (R)

U.S. Congress, District 7

Joseph Sweeney (R)

Joseph Sweeney, candidate for Congress in Congressional District 7, will be on the Republican Party ballot for the primary election on September 12, 2006.

I intend to protect; citizenship, jobs and heritage in our congressional district.



Our citizen taxpayers deserve to have their v-o-t-e-s protected. In our AZ district, we have an estimated 30,000 thru 50,000 potential voters who have never went through naturalization. This is a disgrace. I will insist on a verification process that holds the federal government responsible. The federal agencies and the Bush administration must co-operate on this voter and identification fraud.

Jobs in our district must be protected. I support

employer sanctions for hiring illegals. Good jobs must be offered to citizen/taxpayer first. We can't continue to have good jobs (dairy farming, feed lots, construction, etc.) being undermined by under the table wages and working conditions. The heritage of all our citizens must count. I will encourage Mexican nationals, etc. to return to their own lands and support tax based communities. I will continue to challenge the Tribes in our district to organize credit union financial (counseling) services and support the AmeriCorps projects on the reservations. I need your support. I can't do it without your heritage and the grace of God.

Also running — Raul Grijalva (D)

Joe Cobb (L)
Ron Drake (R)

For more information on the September 12 election, you may contact the County Elections Office at 1108 Joshua Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344. Their phone number is (928) 669-6115, or visit their web site at www.co.la-paz.az.us/elections.htm.

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Also, for a comprehensive listing of key tribal information, back issues of *The Manataba Messenger*, tourism information and other CRIT Tribal information, visit the Tribes' web site:

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DRUGS: Coalition begins educating Tribal members

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Deputy Attorney General.

The programs will be held on the following dates from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Tribal Council chambers:

- August 8 — A video called “What’s Wrong With Methamphetamines.”
- September 13 — Meth video “G”.
- October 11 — The Montana Project.

- November 8 — Gateway drugs.
- December 13 — Panel discussion.

The times on the last four meetings will be announced at a later date, but those interested in the presentations may call Wood at (928) 669-1271 for additional details.

The CRIT Methamphetamine Coalition is made up of representatives from a number of different Tribal agencies as well as interested members of the community.

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this season was a 13-acre fire in the mesquite bosque area along the Colorado River. But even that was smaller and easier to contain.

“We were very grateful for that,” Little said.

However, Little said there have been a lot of smaller fires on the CRIT reservation, many of which have been caused by human behavior.

“We’ve been busy, and a lot of that has to do

with people not managing their control burns,” she said.

Little wanted to remind Tribal members that all control burns or brush burns must be called in to the CRIT Fire Department in advance, so that appropriate measures can be taken to make sure they do not spread.

She also urged people to cut away dry brush from around homes and other structures, to help prevent the spread of wildfires to buildings.

Additional fire safety information is available at the Fire Department’s web page on www.critonline.com, or by calling (928) 662-4388.

SEAL,

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across the Parker valley. “My wife said, ‘Don’t forget the farms and fields.’ We were new farmers at the time.”

• The four feathers on the seal are representative of each of the four CRIT tribes, in chronological order of their arrival — Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo.

“In order to represent the people of our Tribe, I couldn’t just draw one human,” Scott said. “So I thought, wherever there are Indians, there are feathers that we use in our ceremonies. I thought an eagle feather would be a good representation of our people.”

• There are 52 points around the edge of

the seal, representing the 52 weeks of the year.

• The mountain in the background has been said to look like Bradshaw Mountain, but Scott said that he kept the mountain purposefully vague. Many of the mountains around the CRIT reservation are sacred to Tribal members and he thought it would be disrespectful to represent them.

• Even the heat on the CRIT reservation is represented, with the sun in the seal sending out rays of warmth.

Scott said that he’s never been completely comfortable with all the attention he has received for the seal because his wife — who declined to have her name mentioned in the article — played such an important part.

“We were pushing each other,” he said. “I did the drawing, but she should have a lot of the credit. We enjoyed ourselves.”



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